

RENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 13, 2007
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Renton Public Library

MISSION STATEMENT

Renton Public Library supports lifelong learning for the public by anticipating and responding to community needs for information, and by inspiring and encouraging the community's desire to read.

ATTENDING: Members: John DuBois
 Tyler Morse
 Heather Nugent

 Staff: Bette Anderson, Library Director
 Linda Chanik, Secretary

 Visitor: Catherine Ploué-Smith

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The September 13, 2007, meeting of the Library Board at the Renton Public Library began at 7:20 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No quorum, not approved.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: No quorum, not approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
5. COMMUNICATIONS: None.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The August 2007 Renton Public Library *Expenditure Status Report* was distributed to Board Members. Expenditures through August are on track at 67% of the annual budget.
7. MONTHLY REPORT: STATISTICS – The July and August 2007 *Renton Public Library Statistics* reports were distributed to the Board. (Copies are attached to these minutes.) Circulation and Internet use has increased over the same months for last year. Book sale revenue is up compared to the previous year indicating that the library's ongoing book sale continues to be successful. Weeded books are also given to 'Once Sold Tales' who sells the books and gives the library a percentage of the income.

PERSONNEL – Children's Librarian, Jerene Battisti, resigned in August 2007. She accepted the position of Education and Teen Services Coordinator at the King County Library System. Roberta Lorandau, Librarian, is doing storytime until a Children's Librarian is hired.

Twenty-two applications were received for this position. Five candidates will be interviewed and finalists will be selected for a second interview.

Kathleen Stremick will retire September 15, 2007. She has been an exemplary Library Assistant for 21 years.

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Debbie Kadlec, Library Assistant, has resigned but will continue to work as a substitute. Amanda Helander, Library Assistant substitute, has been hired to this vacated position.

8. OLD BUSINESS: MASTER PLAN PLANNING RETREAT SUMMARY - The Master Planning retreat Friday evening and all day Saturday, August 3 and 4, 2007 went well. The Board received a DRAFT version of the *Master Plan Vision Statement* (a copy is attached to these minutes). Next week the Planning Committee will meet with Consultants Miriam Pollock and Tina Roose to discuss several possible library scenarios and financing options.

AUDIO-VISUAL AREA - The new space plan for the front area of the library was discussed. This is an interim plan that will improve current usage and allow for future library improvements.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ACCOUNT – Library Director Bette Anderson and Board Member John DuBois updated the Friends account with current signatures and deposited recent donations. The account will remain inactive until the Friends of the Library group re-organizes.

9. NEW BUSINESS: BUDGET 2008 – The Library Director has requested additional funding for library materials, staffing and space planning.

Each City of Renton Department will receive a 2% budget increase to address inflationary operating increases.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007, at the Renton Public Library.

Lynne Shioyama, President
Renton Public Library Board

Attachments – July & August 2007 Library Statistics
Master Plan Vision Statement

Cc: Kathy Keolker, Mayor
Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator
City Clerk
City Councilmembers